receiving the brake cable and enabling winding thereof onto the cam portion, wherein the opposing side walls are integral and continuous as one-piece with the cam-and-drum member;

providing a mounting bracket;

mounting a brake actuator lever for movement relative to the mounting bracket in brake applying and releasing directions;

rotatably mounting said cam-and-drum member for rotation relative to the brake actuator lever;

providing a clutch releasably coupling the cam-and-drum member to the brake actuator lever such that the cam-and-drum member rotates relative to the mounting bracket with movement of the brake actuator lever at least in the brake applying direction, thereby winding the brake cable onto the cam portion and applying tension to the cable for activating the brake system, the clutch being operable to release the cam-and-drum member from the lever such that the cam-and-drum member is able to rotate relative to the brake actuator lever at least when the lever is in a brake released position; and

connecting a spring to the cam-and-drum member, the spring biasing the cam-and-drum member in a slack take-up direction relative to the lever to wind the cable thereon for taking up cable slack when the clutch releases the cam-and-drum member from the lever.

24. (Original) A method according to claim 23, wherein said mounting the brake actuator lever comprises pivotally mounting the actuator lever for pivotal movement relative to the mounting bracket.

25. – 30. (Cancelled).

31. Previously Presented (~~Currently amended~~) A method for forming a brake actuator for applying tension to a brake cable connected to the brake system of a motor vehicle, the method comprising:

stamping a piece of sheet metal to initially form a cam member having an integral and continuous flange portion;

progressively stamping said flange portion to (a) initially bend, by stamping, the flange portion at an angle to the cam member and then (b) further bend, by subsequent stamping, the angle portion of the flange portion into a general U-shape with opposing side walls integral